

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Sterling Community Club, Inc.****Project Title:**

Sterling Community Club, Inc. - Sterling Education Multi-Use Facility

State Funding Requested: \$ 300,000**House District: 34 - Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Completion of ground work and moving Sterling's original schollhouse to the new location onto a new foundation and relocating other equipment to the new site

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$2,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Denali Commission	\$100,000					
Rasmuson Foundation			\$499,000			
Local Funds	\$214,000					
Other			\$300,000			
Total	\$314,000		\$799,000			

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Applied for a Murdoch Foundation grant of \$300,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Completion of ground work and moving Sterling's original schollhouse to the new location onto a new foundation and relocating other equipment to the new site. The work also includes removing the baseball field berm, replacing it with a fence, relocating gas and electric lines and construction required to house the moved facility.

Project Timeline:

2008-2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Sterling Community Club, Inc.

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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YEAR 2008 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

COMMUNITY: STERLING

Funding Recipient: Sterling Community Club, Inc.

Project Name: Sterling Education Multi-Use Facility

**Project
Priority
Ranking: 1**

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The \$300,000 grant money requested will help pay for work that needs to be done before construction can start and the completion of the required ground work. This work includes moving Sterling's original schoolhouse to a new location onto a new foundation, removing the baseball field berm, replacing it with a fence, moving the playground equipment to another location, relocating gas and electric lines and completing the ground work for the project's construction.

The Sterling Community Club received a \$100,000 Denali Commission grant for planning, design and construction-ready documents to build this facility. This phase of the facility is complete with the Sterling Community Club providing over \$14,000 to complete this phase. This new facility will house the Head Start program and provide a much-needed community center that will include a library, museum, conference room, commercial kitchen and a ½ size gymnasium. It will also provide a central place for the education of Head Start children and other user groups such as Public Health Care, Central Emergency Services and provide a place for an emergency center if needed.

Funding Requested: \$ 300,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,000,000

Local Match (if any) and Source: \$200,000 Sterling Community Club
\$499,000 Rasmuson Foundation (applied for)
\$300,000 Murdoch Foundation (applied for)

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Election Districts: Senate District: Q
House District: 34

How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteerism, money, resolutions, etc.)

To date, over 2200 man-hours and \$170,000 of in-kind equipment and supplies have been donated to projects on the community club property by local businesses and volunteers. A survey taken to develop the community plan showed a large majority of the area residents supported improvements to the community property and the building of a multi-use facility for education and recreation purposes.

What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?

The community club has been making yearly improvements to this property for the last eight years. The SCC requested and was granted a \$100,000 Denali Commission grant for planning, design and construction-ready documents. This was completed in early 2007.

How did the community select this project as a funding priority? (Community meeting, survey, etc.)

A public meeting held at the Sterling Senior Center and voted on by those in attendance as one of the two legislative priorities for the Sterling community. In past years we did a number of community surveys that showed support.

**If you conducted a community meeting, how was it advertised?
When and where was the meeting held?**

Newspaper, radio and public postings. The meeting was held at the request of the Borough Assembly on October 30, 2007, at the Sterling Senior Center.

Who attended (List specific groups such as community council, APC, general public, etc.)

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Representative Grace Merkes, Borough staff, Sterling Community Club members, Sterling Senior Center, Sterling Head Start, Sterling Elementary PTA and many other community members.

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

Sterling Community Club, Inc. owns the property and is ready for construction. A gasoline spill on neighboring property contaminated below ground soils. The State is currently extracting vapors from wells on the SCC and neighboring property. State officials and engineers that we worked with from the design of this facility have provided us with requirements for safely building a facility on this property. As this is a subsurface spill, the requirements are for the water well only. SCC has also been in discussion with the borough to have them supply this facility with water from the Sterling Elementary School next door.

Who will own the project or facility?

The Sterling Community Club, Inc. will own and maintain this facility. SCC currently has a Letter of Intent with Rural Cap Head Start to rent a portion of the building for the local Head Start program.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

The SCC, Inc. is sending grant applications to First National Bank for \$300,000, the Rasmuson Foundation for \$499,000 and is currently seeking funding from other funding agencies. The Community Club has about \$200,000 to put toward this project. With this request for \$300,000, other funding agencies have stated they would look at this project more favorably.

The project will go out for bid and community volunteers and businesses that have worked on this and other projects in the past have offered their support and donated services to help complete this project.

Who will operate and/or maintain the project or facility?

Sterling Community Club, Inc. will operate the facility with funds collected from Sterling Head Start classroom rental, hockey rink sign rentals by local business, rental income from organizations and businesses using the conference room and gym and the Sterling Community Club Inc.'s annual fund raising efforts. We currently have a Letter of Intent with Rural Cap Sterling Head Start to lease a portion of the building that will be built to their specifications.